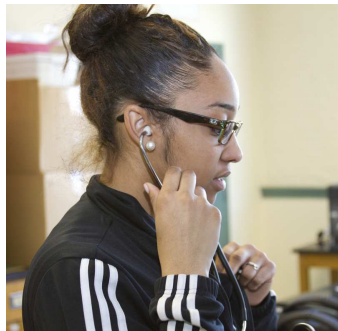


# nbrs2014 TALKS

## Crowd-sourcing ed reform

### Preparing Students for College and Career

U.S. Department of Education Regional Representatives Helen Littlejohn, Elizabeth Williamson, and Dennis Bega facilitated a networking discussion on "Meeting School Challenges" at the 2014 National Blue Ribbon Schools ceremony. Ideas collected here were generated by ceremony participants.



Fenway High School, Boston MA

#### College Preparation

- IB and AP courses
- College counselor
- College admissions prep class
- ACT prep courses
- Outside support from Kauffman
- College visits
- Kids 2 College program for students in the 6th and 9th grades.

[Lincoln College Preparatory Academy](#), Kansas City, MO

#### College Readiness

- We partner with a college access provider (The Princeton Review) to work with juniors and seniors individually and in small groups.

- We also have all juniors enroll in a SAT/ACT prep class.
- Teachers were sent through the Princeton Review training.

Michael St. Ama, Principal, [Dr. Wright L. Lassister Early College High School at El Centro](#), Dallas, TX

#### Helping Students Understand How to Focus (College, Work, Military) While Still in High School

- Individual conferences with students/ parents and counselors at 9th and 11th grades.
- Added a resource period in the 2015 – 2016 school year to help build a curriculum to focus students.
- Added Navience [college and career software program] in the 2013 – 2014 school year. Developing partnerships with colleges and local businesses to expand options for students.

Jeff Nelson, Principal, [Cedarburg High School](#), Cedarburg, WI

#### Remediating While Accelerating

- Built-in courses assist scholars in remediating their academic deficiencies while simultaneously accelerating scholars academically.
- Scholars take classes such as creative/ practical writing, Gifted & Talented mentorships (process skills), and reading to remediate deficiencies while taking classes at the community college.

Tamara Francis, [Kathlyn Jay Gillian Collegiate Academy](#), Dallas, TX



Campus High School, Kansas City, KS